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NEW ADS. THIS WEEK.

Do You See This?
Passumpsic Savings Bank.
V. M. C. A. Lecture Course.
Pascinatons—Mrs. B. C. Pierce.
Marshall Snow's Est.—Com. Notice.

Weather Record.

At Bingham's Drug Store, for the week ending Jan. 17, 1893.

	Highest.	Lowest.
Wednesday.....	-6	-20
Thursday.....	-3	-28
Friday.....	-1	-9
Saturday.....	10	-20
Sunday.....	8	-18
Monday.....	7	-15
Tuesday.....	8	-11

The dash indicates below zero.

NEWS ABOUT HOME.

—A History of the Christian Endeavor Societies of Caledonia county, compiled by Edward S. Arnold, is for sale at the post office.

—The scale works gong sounded a little after noon last Thursday for a fire in the gas house. Fortunately the fire was quickly extinguished, and little damage was done.

—Our inside pages this week are devoted mainly to the fish and game laws, a description of Bellevue Hospital in New York city, and a historical article on Louis XVI.

—Tomorrow night the New York Philharmonic Club and Miss Marion S. Weed, mezzo-soprano, will entertain the St. Johnsbury people, and a choice concert may be expected.

—All who delight in clam chowder can enjoy themselves at the vestry of the Church of the Messiah on Thursday evening, Jan. 19. On Friday evening, Jan. 27, the "Mites" will have their annual masquerade.

—It may not be generally known that the Museum is open every Saturday evening from 7 to 9. A good many who cannot visit the building during the day may find it convenient to examine the specimens Saturday nights.

—E. T. & H. K. Ide are receiving regular shipments of oranges from Gen. Ide's Florida grove. Owing to the drought last summer the quantity of the crop is less than last season, but the quality of the fruit is better than usual.

—The trustees met Monday evening and appointed these policemen: D. M. Miller, E. B. Ingalls, Albert Caswell, S. J. Holmes, George Richardson and William Wetherbee. This is the old board with the addition of Mr. Wetherbee. The police will elect their own chief. The trustees also appointed Wendell P. Stafford village attorney.

—As bearing upon the talk here about starting a corn-canning factory, it is interesting to note that H. C. Baxter & Brother, who have recently started a cannery in Westminster, Windham county, are now soliciting pledges of corn from the farmers there. They are after 800 acres, and \$15.70 per ton is offered, which is an advance of \$1.70 over the price paid last year.

—The next attraction to come to the Opera House will be "Joshua Simkins," a rural comedy drama of the order of the "Old Homestead." "The County Fair" and other similar productions. In the third act a realistic saw mill scene is introduced, in which a real buzz saw cuts through genuine lumber. During the performance many pleasing musical specialties are introduced.

—A subscriber at the Center writes to say that, in view of the recent legislative enactment, "it is the duty of every voter in town, especially outside of St. Johnsbury village, to be present at the town caucus which will be held the last of February. The town system of schools and the road law will be discussed and nominations made for school directors and a road commissioner, and in these questions all the outside districts should have an interest and a voice."

—Mrs. A. I. Davis, wife of the pastor of the Free Baptist church, was thrown from a sleigh while riding about the village on Monday last with Mrs. Spaulding, and was very badly hurt about the spine. The sleigh tipped over, and both ladies were thrown out. Mrs. Spaulding striking heavily upon Mrs. Davis. Many friends will sincerely hope that the injury will prove to be not so serious as at first feared.

—There will be a union meeting at

Music Hall on Sunday evening next at 7 o'clock, in the interest of the Old Ladies' Home recently established here. The trustees will present the needs and objects of the institution, and there will be brief addresses by several of our business men. The Home will appeal directly to the cordial sympathies of our people, and Sunday night's meeting should result in an encouraging impetus to the worthy work for which the Home is instituted.

—The Dupont Hammer Company and the water works station are connected with the telephone exchange.

FROM ST. JOHNSBURY CENTER.

The post office in this place has received from the department the necessary equipments for the transaction of money order business, and commenced doing that business last Monday.

F. A. Pierce's family have moved into their new house on Boynton hill, St. Johnsbury. Pliny Chase occupies the house they vacated.

S. K. Huse and wife were called to West Burke last week by the death of Mrs. Powers, Mrs. Huse's mother, who had been in failing health for some time.

The Y. P. S. C. E. lecture by George Fisk, which was postponed, will be given next week Friday evening, the 27th.

There is still room in the school registers of district No. 5 for the names of visitors. Parents, if you have not lost all interest in your children, come yourselves and see what we are doing; it may not be time lost.

The officers installed by Green Mountain Grange for the year ensuing are as follows: Master, P. L. Pierce; overseer, H. S. Pierce; steward, T. B. Willey; chaplain, J. E. Ranney; lecturer, B. P. Allen; secretary, D. W. Jenness; treasurer, F. H. Clement; ass't steward, Geo. C. Willey; gate-keeper, L. C. Farnham; Flora, Mrs. A. F. Lawrence; Pomona, Mrs. P. L. Pierce; Ceres, Mrs. H. S. Pierce.

At a public meeting last Saturday evening, District Deputy Park installed the following officers of Wide Awake Grange: Master, H. C. Powers; overseer, E. H. Hallett; steward, S. H. Piper; ass't steward, S. Learned; chaplain, Mrs. B. Butler; treasurer, J. Gage; secretary, J. Danforth; gate keeper, C. Bowker; Pomona, Mrs. S. Piper; Flora, Mrs. J. Gage; Ceres, Mrs. Woodbury; lady ass't steward, Ida Lyford. After the installation service cake and coffee were served and a social time enjoyed. The next regular meeting will be Saturday evening of this week, when three candidates will be initiated.

A very pleasant gathering was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Moses Stevens last week Wednesday evening, the occasion being the marriage of their daughter, Clara Emma, to William N. Gould, for a number of years an employee at the scale works. The ceremony was performed by Rev. F. B. Phelps of Irasburg, who was their pastor when residing in St. Johnsbury East. Only the immediate relatives and near friends were present. The bride looked very charming in her dress of navy blue silk, and the wedding cake, which was of her own make, was a most conclusive proof of her skill in at least one essential branch of house-keeping.

BANK MEETINGS.

At the annual meeting of the Citizens Savings Bank & Trust Company on Tuesday the old board of directors were elected, consisting of C. M. Chase, A. L. Bailey, John T. Ritchie, J. G. Hovey, O. H. Austin, George P. Blair and P. F. Hazen. The organization of the board was not perfected at this meeting and will be completed at the meeting next Tuesday.

At the annual meeting of the Passumpsic Savings Bank, held Jan. 11, these trustees were elected: Emerson Hall, T. M. Howard, William S. Boynton, E. F. Brown, H. C. Ide, E. A. Parks, John H. George, W. P. Smith, T. C. Fletcher, A. B. Noyes, H. N. Turner. The only change from last year is the election of Mr. Turner in place of the late Dr. D. N. Trull. The officers of the board are the same as last year: Emerson Hall, president; T. M. Howard, vice-president, and William S. Boynton, treasurer.

PERSONAL MENTION.

B. S. Hastings and wife of Chelsea, Mass., are visiting their son in this place.

W. H. Ford, Dartmouth, '94, was the guest of Jerry Deming the past week.

Miss Dora E. Reagan has returned from New York on account of her health.

Carl C. Fletcher is home from New York where he was taken sick with pneumonia. He is much better now and able to be out.

Miss Lizzie Hawes, Miss Mary E. Putney, Mrs. Clement and Mrs. Mary B. Paige started for Chicago Monday to spend several weeks among friends and relatives.

Rev. and Mrs. G. M. Curl of Concord, N. H., will receive the sympathy of a large circle of St. Johnsbury friends in the death of their infant daughter, which occurred last Tuesday.

Arthur Chaffee and Charles Steele went to Denver this week, where the former is to find employment with his brother-in-law, Frederick R. Ross. Mr. Steele goes with a view to benefiting his health.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Y. Clifford were given a house-warming in their new home last week Tuesday evening. About 43 friends and neighbors gathered and all spent a very pleasant evening. The brothers and relatives left an envelope containing a sum of money. The gathering was a surprise party and was a complete surprise to the host and hostess.

It is to be hoped that the meeting of the Dairymen's Association at Morrisville will result in an increased interest among the farmers of this entire section of the state in the special work which that association has in hand. There is no good reason why the dairymen of Caledonia, Essex, Orleans and Lamoille counties should not be largely included in the membership of that organization, be represented on its board of officers, and participate actively in whatever benefits may accrue from the maintenance of the association.

AT THE EAST VILLAGE.

Sec'y Lewis did not occupy the pulpit last Sunday as was expected, but in his place, M. C. Henderson, an esteemed and former pastor for about one year and a half some four years ago. It is expected there will be preaching next Sunday.

The trouble mentioned last week with H. M. Knapp's eye proved to be a boil on the inside of the lid, which was very painful. It is getting well now and Mr. Knapp is able to be out again.

East Village is at last adorned with a blacksmith shop, and a smith to run it. It is located on Water street.

The water in the river is so low that the work in the bobbin shop has had to be given up for the present, and but little grinding can be done at the grist mill. Many cellars are freezing that were never known to before.

Bd. Drew has taken the Miles Hovey farm in Kirby of S. D. Ford and will move there about the first of February.

H. H. Moulton has sold his stock of goods to Mrs. Selim Groat.

There is a general complaint of very hard colds, some cases being quite severe.

Miss Jennie Lyon's school has closed and she is stopping at home.

SOME POST OFFICE FIGURES.

Business at the St. Johnsbury post office was not really dull during the year 1892. The receipts were \$12,589.75, or about \$400 more than for the year 1891.

Six years ago St. Johnsbury did an \$8000 business at her post office; three years ago the receipts touched the \$10,000 mark, which ensured the free delivery system; in 1891 they went up to \$12,180.

It is very gratifying to note that the figures are on the up grade, for there is something pleasant about business that is being done on an ascending scale. The securing of other desirable industries here would add to the post office figures as well as to figures in other lines of business where Uncle Sam does not get all the profits.

The money order business during the year included 3000 orders, foreign and domestic, aggregating \$50,000; and 8000 valuable registered letters were handled.

OUR VILLAGE AND THE TOWN SCHOOL SYSTEM.

The individual existence of school district No. 1, which includes St. Johnsbury village, will cease on April 1st, when the new school law takes effect. The prudential committee and the district clerk and treasurer will then disappear, their identity and their duties being disposed of by the machinery of the new law, which is referred to in detail on the 4th page of this issue. This is so, simply because this school district has not been incorporated by special act of the legislature, and it must carry on its educational business for the next two years in common with the other sections of the town. Its property and its affairs come under the direction of the school officers to be chosen in March; and, instead of spending its money within and for itself, district No. 1 will now contribute to the general fund for the support of all the schools in town. The district has now a debt of some six thousand dollars, which the town will assume. Under the circumstances, the features of the new law apply to this district exactly as they do to the smallest district in town and, to use a homely phrase, "we are all in the same boat." The village will, naturally, be proportionately represented on the new school board, and the town as a whole will be in condition to reap any benefits that may lie in the path of a strict compliance with the mandate of the last legislature.

An important result of the change will be to center public interest in the caucus, where the nomination of the officers who so exclusively will have the school work in hand, is to be made.

LADIES' NIGHT.

Tuesday was "ladies' night" at the Mystic Club and the members "received" their lady friends from 8 to 11 o'clock. A very pleasant company assembled there and the ladies were enthusiastic over the attractiveness of the Club's new quarters. Caterer Gaskill served refreshments during the evening. The Mahogany Quartettes sang most acceptably several times, piano solos were given by Mrs. H. A. Stanley and B. Frank Harris, and George H. Frost gave several banjo solos, with piano accompaniment by Mrs. Frost. The reception was a very successful affair.

LOW WATER.

The water in the Passumpsic is so low that owners of water wheels are cramped for power. The eight owners of the water power at Paddock village met Tuesday evening to see what arrangement could be made for dividing the time for using the water so as to least inconvenience the shops dependent on water for power. They chose Horace Randall to have general charge of the dam, and he will give each owner a share of the water a part of the time each day. Some repairs are also to be made upon the dam. The village has been using the steam pump for a week past, as the river is too low to allow the use of their wheels.

VITAL STATISTICS.

George H. Moore has completed his annual census of the Union school district which includes St. Johnsbury village. There were 130 births in 1892 and 103 deaths. Ten deaths were reported from typhoid fever, 11 from consumption, 12 from pneumonia, six from the grip, five from accidents, seven from old age and the rest from various other causes. There were 11 deaths under one year, 15 from one to 10, 7 from 10 to 20, 11 from 20 to 30, 11 from 30 to 40, 2 from 40 to 50, 11 from 50 to 60, 10 from 60 to 70, 14 from 70 to 80, 11 from 80 to 90. It will thus be seen that 46 of the deaths were among those over 50 years of age.

SMITH-MURKLAND.

Wedding bells rang merrily at Barton on Thursday evening of last week, when Homer B. Smith, who is teller in the First National Bank of this place, was married to Miss Blanche, daughter of J. W. Murkland of Barton. It was a home affair, only the relatives and near friends being present. Rev. P. W. Lewis was the officiating clergyman. Mr. Smith has many friends and acquaintances in St. Johnsbury who will join with the Barton people in wishing for him and his bride a full measure of happiness.

THE FAIR MEETINGS.

Both Societies Hold Their Annual Gatherings.

The annual meeting of the Caledonia Agricultural Society was held in the Board of Trade rooms yesterday morning with President Higgins in the chair. A motion to reduce the membership fee in the society from \$1.00 to 50 cents was lost. Secretary Johnson thought there ought to be a larger membership and reminded the society that only 29 of the 134 officers last year paid for membership tickets. Treasurer Johnson's report showed an expenditure of \$1092 for premiums last year and a balance in the treasury of \$38.

These officers were then elected by ballot:

President, William Higgins.
Vice-presidents, W. E. Peck and Chas. J. Bell.
Secretary and Treasurer, N. M. Johnson.
Assistant secretaries, C. D. Brainard, Albert Harris.
Auditor, Arthur P. Stone.

Several changes were made in the executive committee of 100. From Barnet William Roy succeeded his father, and H. A. Gillfillan was substituted for William Adams. In Burke Byron Humphrey was added to the list, and in Concord J. H. Walbridge. Charles L. Stevens succeeded the late Lyman Stevens from Danville, and James Young succeeds D. M. Young from Greensboro. Capt. Geo. Ford was added to the Kirby list and George W. Ladd and Elmore T. Ide added from St. Johnsbury. The only other change was the election of G. M. Campbell from Sutton to succeed his father, N. K. Campbell. The executive committee will meet Wednesday, Feb. 1, at 10 a. m., in the Board of Trade rooms, to perfect plans for the next fair.

THE FAIR GROUND MEETING.

There was a much better attendance at the Fair Ground Company meeting in the afternoon, President Parks presiding. Treasurer Johnson's report showed receipts amounting to \$4986 and expenditures of \$5319, leaving a deficit of \$333 for the year. Added to this is a debt of \$1011. The gate receipts were over \$2600, and the booths netted the society \$800.

The expenses included \$1092 paid the agricultural society for premiums, \$717 for races, \$624 for labor and help, \$384 for hay and straw, \$243 for printing, \$225 for the balloon, \$210 for the band, \$255 for repairs on culvert and track.

The old board of directors were elected, most of them receiving 58 votes. The board consist of Franklin Fairbanks, E. A. Parks, Waterford, George W. Story, William E. Peck, E. L. Hovey, Elmore T. Ide, T. C. Fletcher, L. B. Harris, Lyndon, N. M. Johnson, Cloud Harvey, Barnet.

The matter of issuing free tickets was brought up by L. B. Harris and Secretary Johnson said there were \$315 worth of tickets given stockholders last year, besides exhibitors', helpers' and complimentary tickets. Mr. Johnson then read a list of all the tickets issued to stockholders last year. The list showed an average of 10 per cent on the stock and many had received from 20 to 34 per cent on an investment of one share valued at \$25. W. E. Peck said the large dividends and the society's debt reminded him of the condition of the Deming and Silver City banks. He then moved to increase the capital stock by selling 75 shares at \$30 a share. This motion was lost, but the matter will be fully considered at the adjourned meeting N. M. Johnson, W. E. Peck, T. C. Fletcher and C. A. Calderwood were appointed to draft by-laws to be voted upon at the adjourned meeting, Wednesday March 1, at 1 p. m. After a further discussion of the abuse of free tickets the meeting adjourned.

The directors organized by electing E. A. Parks, president; T. C. Fletcher, vice-president; N. M. Johnson, treasurer. Arthur P. Stone was appointed auditor.

SUPPER, SOCIABILITY, MEXICO.

This was the entertaining combination at the North church on Thursday evening last, and in spite of the very low condition of the thermometer there were a goodly number of people present. A substantial supper was served by the ladies, assisted by several of the young gentlemen; and after a social season continuing till eight o'clock the company adjourned to the vestry, where Col. Franklin Fairbanks lectured on Mexico, giving an interesting account of that country and its people and their customs and characteristics as observed by him during a recent trip through that section. Quite a number of pictures which had been taken by the kodak process were thrown upon a sheet by a stereopticon and added materially to the enjoyment of the lecture, bringing out many features of life in Mexico.

A COLD LOT OF FIGURES.

Everybody has known it was cold during the past few weeks. The head of the family who kept late hours "sitting up" with his furnace knew it, the plumber knew it, the coal dealer knew it. But for all that, a glance at some of the thermometer markings as reported from Bingham's "observatory" will not be uninteresting at this time.

Up to December 18 last the weather had been enjoyably mild. On that date occurred the first startling drop, when mercury went to 10° below zero and the community awoke to the fact that winter had arrived. On the 19th and 20th ults. the thermometer's morning marks were 8° and 7° above zero—which were the only two mornings during the 31 days between Dec. 18 and Tuesday, inclusive, when the mercury was above zero at the morning inspection of the thermometer. The figures, beginning with Dec. 20, are decidedly cool, ranging from 3° to 28° below zero; the average morning record during that time was 13° below zero.

Several times in the past 25 years the mercury has dropped to 40° below zero, but there has been no length to these cold periods. Christmas morning, Dec. 25, 1872, the mercury registered 40° below zero and a spirit thermometer went several degrees lower. The highest point the mercury reached that day was 15 degrees below zero. Probably this was the coldest day for many years, but last week Wednesday the mercury was 12° below zero at 1 o'clock and later it "moderated" to 6° below zero.

RECENT DEATHS.

J. M. Miles died at his son's home at "Four Corners," Tuesday, at the advanced age of 81 years. Mr. Miles was a native of Wheelock and had lived in this town 55 years. He was, therefore, one of the town's old residents and the old readers of the CALEDONIAN can recall him as the tax collector for a number of years. He leaves four children, A. A. Miles, with whom he lived, Frank H. and A. W. Miles of Washington, D. C., and Mrs. H. J. Kelley of St. Johnsbury Centre.

Frank G. West, who for a long time past had been employed in the nickel-plating department at the scale works, died last Saturday morning, as the result of typhoid fever. Mr. West leaves a widow and a young daughter; he was 35 years old, and was actively connected with several secret organizations, in which, as in other circles, he will be much missed.

Thos. K. Harris of Webster street, for 30 years employed at the scale works, died of typhoid fever on Wednesday night of last week. Deceased was 54 years of age, and had the esteem and respect of those who knew him, both in business and social departments of life.

Mrs. Joseph Beck died last evening after an illness of about two months. She was 72 years old and leaves four children, Mrs. John Nichols of Bathurst Village, N. B., Mrs. F. N. Brown of this place, Mrs. George S. Groat of Bellows Falls and Henry Beck of this place. She was an estimable lady and the family have the sympathy of a large circle of friends. Her husband died a little over a month ago.

A SCIENTIFIC TREAT.

The lecture in the Y. M. C. A. course last Friday evening was one of those scientific treats that are rarely presented to a St. Johnsbury audience. Prof. J. B. DeMotte, who delighted a large audience last year, spoke upon "Electricity," and presented a most interesting series of experiments to illustrate the more recent developments in electrical investigation. The first half of the lecture was of an historical nature and the speaker had thrown upon the screen pictures of the early investigators, including Davy, Faraday and others. Then followed a series of interesting experiments illustrating the motion of waves of sound, electricity, color and heat. The decomposition of water was shown on the screen and also a series of wonderful experiments with sound waves. Many of the experiments were the results of the professor's own investigations and had not been shown in audience rooms until very recently. A glorious future was predicted for electricity and Prof. DeMotte thought we had just begun to reap the commercial benefits of scientific investigation. The low temperature of the hall was the only drawback to a perfect enjoyment of the lecture.